

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 856  
By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Nancy Allen for her honorable and astute service as Mayor of Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nancy R. Allen of Rutherford County is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary twelve-year, three-term tenure as Mayor of Rutherford County, Nancy Allen has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; unfortunately for her fellow citizens, she will soon be relinquishing the reigns of leadership and stepping down from her mayoral duties; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Allen was first elected to the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners in 1990; she was elected Rutherford County Mayor in 1994 and re-elected in 1998 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Allen has served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, the Rutherford County Correctional Work Center Board, and Community Care of Rutherford County, Inc.; she has also participated in the government as a valuable member and past Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Board and as a member of the Regional Transportation Authority, the Tennessee Technology Center General Advisory Board, Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Advisory Board, and the Greater Nashville Regional Council Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nancy Allen was paid the ultimate compliment by State House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh when he appointed her to serve on the Tennessee Advisory Commission of Intergovernmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Allen is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, she is actively involved in the affairs of her community as a citizen in addition to her meritorious service as Mayor; she is a founding member of Recycle Rutherford and has held membership in the Sam Davis Memorial Association, League of Women Voters, the Oaklands Association, and the Rutherford County Chapter of the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mayor Allen is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society; she is also the recipient of the 1996 Trailblazer Award and the 1998 American Planning Association Distinguished Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Nancy R. Allen attended John Coleman School in Smyrna and Central High School in Murfreesboro; she received a Bachelor of Science degree from MTSU in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Allen is an active and devout member of First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support of her husband, Jerry L. Allen, and their daughter, Melinda; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Allen's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Nancy Allen is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Nancy R. Allen for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Rutherford County as their Mayor, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and wish this remarkable woman all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.